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SUBJECT: IMCO SECGEN'S APPEARANCE BEFORE UNDP GOVERNING COUNCIL IN GENEVA, MONDAY, JUNE 12

REF: LONDON 8509

1. INTERGOVERNMENTAL MARITIME CONSULTATIVE ORGANIZATION (IMCO) SECGEN SRIVASTAVA IS SCHEDULED TO APPEAR BEFORE UNDP GOVERNING COUNCIL ON MONDAY, JUNE 12
TO EXPLAIN IHCO'S REQUEST FOR UNDP SECTORAL SUPPORT FUNDING FOR FOUR INTERREGIONAL ADVISERS. SECGEN HAS RECENTLY RECEIVED AN UNEXPECTEDLY NEGATIVE LETTER REGARDING THIS REQUEST SIGNED BY THE UNDP ADMINISTRATOR. IMCO OFFICIALS ARE FRANKLY PUZZLED BY THE LETTER SINCE EARLIER, IN PRIVATE CONVERSATION WITH SECGEN, ADMINISTRATOR HAD INDICATED THAT HE WAS CONSIDERING THE REQUEST FAVORABLY. IMCO OFFICIALS ARE, THEREFORE, CONCERNED THAT SECGEN'S APPEARANCE BEFORE THE UNDP GOVERNING COUNCIL GOES WELL AND THAT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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HIS REQUEST RECEIVE SUPPORT FROM THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL.

2. PARA 5 OF REFTEL REPORTS IMCO COUNCIL URGING MEMBER GOVERNMENTS TO SUPPORT THE SECGEN'S REQUEST TO UNDP. THIS COUNCIL MOVE WAS PROPOSED BY THE U.S. AND CONSEQUENTLY IMCO OFFICIALS ARE PARTICULARLY

ANXIOUS THAT U.S. REPRESENTATIVE IN THE UNDP GOVERNING COUNCIL FOLLOW UP SECGEN'S PRESENTATION WITH SOME POSITIVE COMMENTS ON THE IMCO REQUEST. EMBASSY HAS SUGGESTED THAT IMCO DIRECTOR OF TECHNICAL COOPERATION DIVISION, LEIGHTON VAN NORT, CONTACT U.S. MISSION GENEVA UPON HIS ARRIVAL IN GENEVA JUNE 8 OR 9 TO DISCUSS THE MATTER WITH U.S. DEL TO UNDP GOVERNING COUNCIL. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE U.S. DEL'S BEING BRIEFED ON THIS MATTER.

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